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The Honorable Edgardo Ramos United States District Judge Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

> Re: State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, 18-cv-6471 (ER) City of New York v. Jefferson B. Sessions III, et al., 18-cv-6474 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

On behalf of the federal defendants (the "Government") in the above-captioned actions, we write to respond to the August 24, 2018, motion seeking leave to file a proposed amicus brief (ECF No. 78 in Case No. 18-cv-06471) and yesterday's direction by the Court for a response thereto (ECF No. 79 in Case No. 18-cv-06471).

The Government has no objection to the filing of the proposed amicus brief (ECF No. 78 in Case No. 18-cv-06471) in either of the above-captioned cases. We thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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